



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 10, 1989

TO: Roger Callaway, *DWPC/CAS*

FROM: Rob Sulski, *DWPC/FOS - II RBS*

SUBJECT: MWRDGC - Lack of Notification

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cc: DWPC/FOS/RU
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The attached represents another instance where MWRD failed to provide proper NPDES-required notification to the Agency. My sources said the PMC incident of December, 1988 caused the Cal-Sag Channel to be discolored as far as a mile downstream of the Calumet Plant outfall.

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**Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
Transmittal Letter For Board Meeting**

July 12, 1989
(For Board Meeting of August 3, 1989)

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Mr. Frank E. Dalton
General Superintendent
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AGENDA SUMMARY: Issue an Order to PMC Specialties Group, Inc. to Comply with the Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

Dear Sir:

On March 9, 1989 and April 14, 1989, S. Peter Bourbaki, Registered Professional Engineer, by direction and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, conducted hearings to show cause why PMC Specialties Group, Inc., 735 E. 115th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60628 should not be ordered to discontinue the discharge of pollutants into the waters and sewers under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. After hearing all of the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer presents the following report:

1. That on October 19, 1988, the Company was issued Notice of Violation No. 88-388S for discharging an effluent with excessive concentrations of discoloration in the sanitary sewerage system.
2. That on November 2, 1988 the Company attended a conciliation meeting and stated that the discoloration was the result of a leak in a holding tank containing a water soluble, non-hazardous dye. The Company stated that, because of the problem with discoloration, the operations which caused the discoloration will no longer be conducted at the facility. The Company stated compliance on November 2, 1988.
3. That on December 15 and 16, 1988 personnel of the Industrial Waste Division conducted investigations regarding discoloration in the effluent from the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant. The investigations determined that the Company was the source of the discoloration which passed through the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant on December 15 and 16, 1988.

The aforementioned discharges are in violation of Appendix B of the Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago adopted pursuant to Chapter 42, Illinois Revised Statutes (1987), Section 326(bb).

In view of the foregoing, it is recommended that the Board of Commissioners find PMC Specialties Group, Inc. to be in violation of the Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago and issue the following orders:

1. That PMC Specialties Group, Inc. cease and desist from discharging pollutants into the waters and sewers under the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago in excess of those allowed under the Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance of the District by October 31, 1989.

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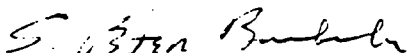
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2. That PMC Specialties Group, Inc. submit results of the study that it is conducting concerning the Company's operations and housekeeping procedures with As-Builts of any new equipment that may be installed to attain compliance with the Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance of the Water Reclamation District by October 31, 1989.
3. That in the interim period, PMC Specialties Group, Inc. sample and analyze its effluent discharge and submit the results to the Water Reclamation District no less than once a week until October 31, 1989.
4. That, in the event any of the analyses of the samples specified in Paragraph 3 show a concentration of a pollutant in excess of that found at the last violation for that particular pollutant, PMC Specialties Group, Inc. shall submit a report explaining what steps will be taken immediately to reduce the excess pollutants prior to the October 31, 1989 deadline specified in Paragraph 1 above.
5. That upon failure to comply with any of the above orders, the Attorney for the Water Reclamation District be authorized and directed to obtain an injunction against such discharge and obtain the levy of a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 per day for each day that PMC Specialties Group, Inc. is found in violation of this order.

Respectfully submitted,



S. Peter Bourbaki,
Registered Professional Engineer